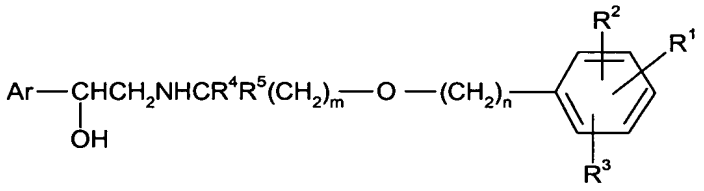
**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, wherein:

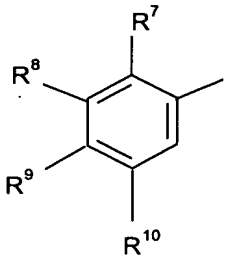
m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and
n is an integer of from 3 to 11;
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl;

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4;

Ar is a group selected from



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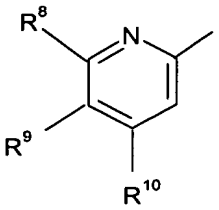

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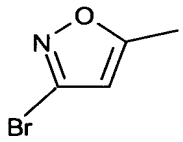

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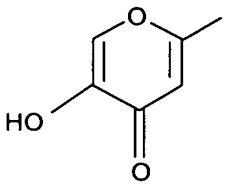
and



(d)

wherein $R^8$ represents hydrogen, halogen, $-(CH_2)_qOR^{11}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)R^{12}$, $-NR^{11}SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-OC(O)R^{13}$ or $OC(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, and $R^7$ represents hydrogen, halogen, or $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

or $R^8$ represents $-NHR^{14}$ and $R^7$ and $-NHR^{14}$ together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

$R^9$ represents hydrogen, halogen, $-OR^{11}$ or $-NR^{11}R^{12}$;

$R^{10}$ represents hydrogen, halogen, halo$C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-OR^{11}$, $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-OC(O)R^{13}$ or $OC(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$;

$R^{11}$ and $R^{12}$ each independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, or in the groups $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ and $-OC(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $R^{11}$ and $R^{12}$

independently represent hydrogen or $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5-, 6- or 7- membered nitrogen-containing ring,

$R^{13}$ represents an aryl ~~(eg phenyl or naphthyl)~~ group which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, hydroxy, $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy or halo $C_{1-4}$ alkyl; and

q is zero or an integer from 1 to 4.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~of formula (I) or a salt, solvate of physiologically functional derivative thereof,~~ wherein ~~formula (I) is as defined in claim, except that~~ $R^8$ is selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-(CH_2)_qOR^{11}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)R^{12}$, $-NR^{11}SO_2R^{12}$, $-SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-OC(O)R^{13}$ or $OC(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, and $-NHR^{14}$ and $R^7$ and $-NHR^{14}$ together form a 5- or 6- membered heterocyclic ring ~~does not represent hydrogen~~.

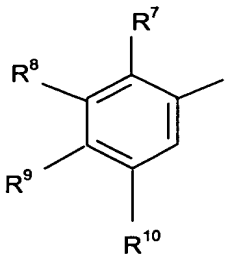
3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein $R^1$ represents $-SO_2R^6$.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein $R^6$ represents a $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl group.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ wherein $R^2$ and $R^3$ each represent hydrogen.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein $R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and methyl.

7. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ wherein Ar is selected from a group (a) or (b):



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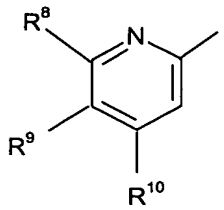

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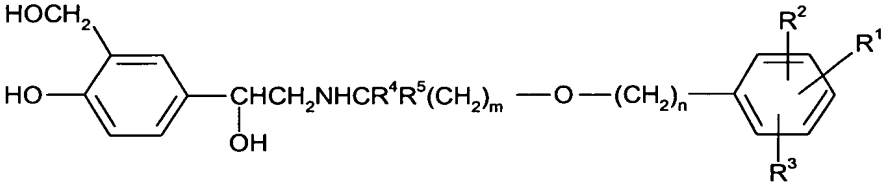
8. (Original) A compound of formula (Ia):



(Ia)

or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, wherein:

m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and
n is an integer of from 3 to 11;
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl; and

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims~~

~~1 to 8~~ wherein m is 5 or 6 and n is 3 or 4.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound ~~of formula (I) or (Ia)~~ selected from:
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfinyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfinyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol (Isomer 1);
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfinyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol (Isomer 2);
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[4-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-((1*R*)-2-{[6-({4-[3-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)phenyl]butyl}oxy)hexyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-((1*R*)-2-{[6-({4-[3-(3-Cyclopenten-1-ylsulfonyl)phenyl]butyl}oxy)hexyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-((1*R*)-2-{[6-({5-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]pentyl}oxy)hexyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-((1*R*)-2-{[7-({3-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]propyl}oxy)heptyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
4-((1*R*)-2-{[6-({4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)-5-methylphenyl]butyl}oxy)hexyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
*N*-[5-((1*R*)-2-{[6-({4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butyl}oxy)hexyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl]methanesulfonamide;
4-((1*R*)-2-{[6-({4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butyl}oxy)hexyl]amino}-1-hydroxyethyl)-2-fluorophenol;
6-{2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)pyridin-3-ol;
5-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-8-hydroxy-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1*H*)-one;
5-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-hydroxyphenylformamide;

and salts, solvates, and physiologically functional derivatives thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 10 ~~of formula (I) or (Ia)~~ which is:
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(Cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol;
or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 11~~ in the form of a salt formed with an arylsulphonic acid.

13. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any of~~ claim 8~~, claim 9 or claim 12~~ which is selected from:
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl) phenol 4-methylbenzenesulfonate;
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol 4-bromobenzene sulfonate;
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol 4-chlorobenzene sulfonate
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol 3-toluene sulfonate;
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl) phenol 4-biphenyl sulfonate; and
4-{(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy} hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol, naphthalene-2-sulfonate.

14. (Original) A compound according to claim 13 wherein the salt is in crystalline form.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a clinical condition in a mammal~~, such as a human,~~ for which a selective $\beta_2$-adrenoreceptor agonist is indicated, which comprises administering

~~administration of~~ a therapeutically effective amount of a compound ~~of formula (I) or (Ia)~~ according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 14~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

16. (Canceled)

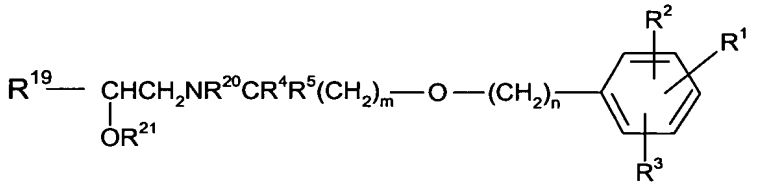
17. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to claim 1 ~~of formula (I) or (Ia) according to any of claims 1 to 14~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient, and optionally one or more other therapeutic ingredients.

18. (Currently Amended) A combination comprising a compound according to claim 1 ~~of formula (I) or (Ia) according to any of claims 1 to 14~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, and one or more other therapeutic ingredients.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound ~~of formula (I) or (Ia)~~ according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 14~~ or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, which comprises:

~~(a)~~ deprotecting ~~deprotection of~~ a protected intermediate~~, for example~~ of formula (II):

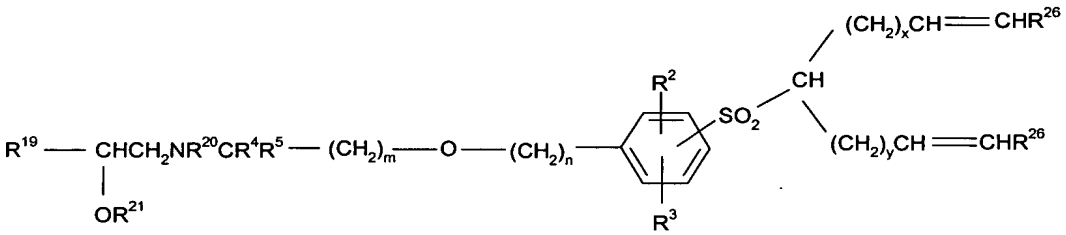


(II)

or a salt or solvate thereof, wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m, and n are as defined for the compound of formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of

Ar; and $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group, provided that the compound of formula (II) contains at least one protecting group;

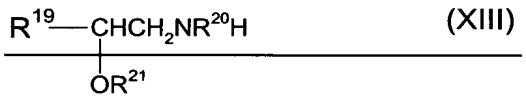
~~(a) reaction of a compound of formula (X):~~



(X)

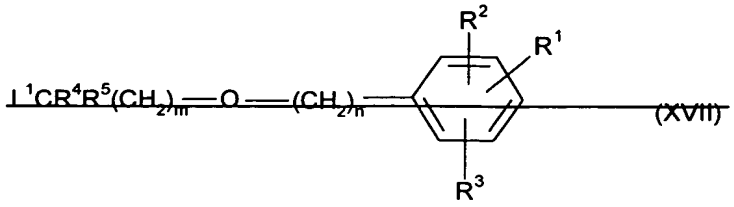
~~wherein $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, $R^{19}$, $R^{20}$, $R^{21}$, m and n are as defined for formula (II) each $R^{26}$ independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-4}$alkyl, and x and y each represent 0, 1 or 2;~~
~~to effect ring closure;~~

~~(c) alkylation of an amine of formula (XIII):~~



(XIII)

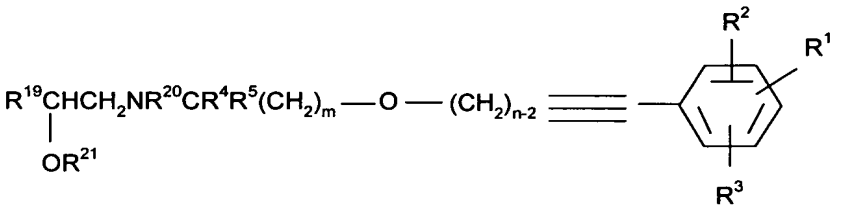
~~wherein $R^{22}$, $R^{23}$, $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group with a compound of formula (XVII):~~



(XVII)

~~wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m, and n are as defined for the compound of formula (I) and $L^1$ is a leaving group;~~

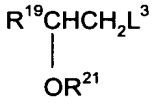
~~(d) reduction of a compound of formula (XIX):~~



(XIX)

~~Wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m and n are as defined for formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar and $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently hydrogen or a protecting group as defined above.~~

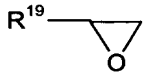
~~(e) reacting a compound of formula (XXIII):~~



(XXIII)

~~wherein $R^{19}$ is as hereinbefore defined and $L^3$ is a leaving group as defined above for~~
~~$L^1$ or $L^2$;~~

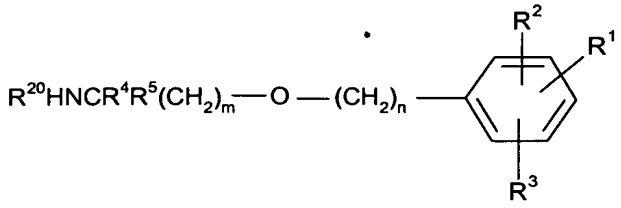
~~or a compound of formula (XXIV):~~



(XXIV)

~~wherein $R^{19}$ is as hereinbefore defined~~

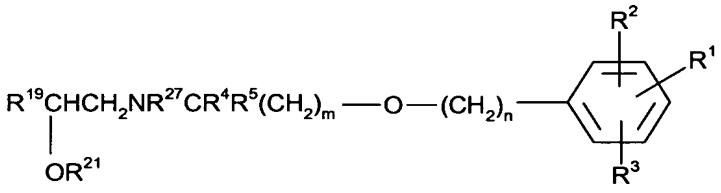
~~with an amine of formula (XXV):~~



(XXV)

~~wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, $R^{20}$, m and n are as defined for formula (II); or~~

~~(f) removal of a chiral auxiliary from a compound of folrmula (IIa)~~



(IIa)

~~wherein $R^1$ — $R^5$, m and n are as defined for formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar, $R^{21}$ represent hydrogen or a protecting group and $R^{27}$ represents a chiral auxiliary.~~

optionally followed by one or more of the following steps in any order selected from the group consisting of:

(i) removing ~~optional removal of~~ any protecting groups;

(ii) separating ~~optional separation of~~ an enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers;

(iii) converting ~~optional conversion of~~ one compound of formula (I) to a different compound of formula (I) ~~eg. conversion of a compound~~ wherein $R^1$ is $SR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ or $SO_2R^6$, or conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SO_2R^6$;

(iv) converting ~~optional conversion of~~ a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkenyl to a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkyl, eg. by hydrogenation; and

(v) converting ~~optional conversion of~~ the product to a corresponding salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

21. (Canceled)

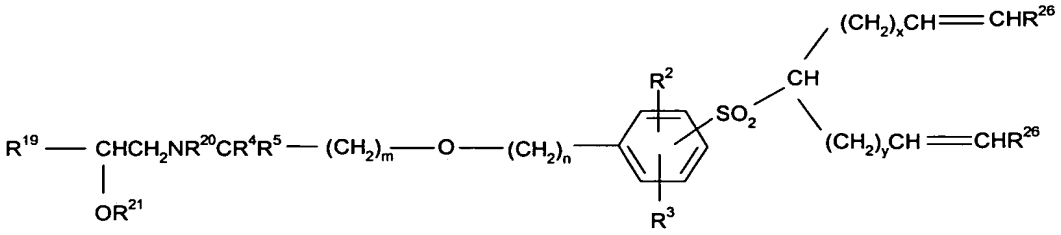
22. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^{13}$ is a phenyl group.

23. (New) A compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^{13}$ is a naphthyl group.

24. (New) A method according to claim 15, wherein the mammal is a human.

25. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, which comprises:

reacting a compound of formula (X):



(X)

wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m, and n are as defined for the compound of formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar; and $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group, each $R^{26}$ independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-4}$alkyl, and x and y each represent 0, 1 or 2; to effect ring closure;

optionally followed by one or more of the following steps in any order selected from the group consisting of:

(i) removing any protecting groups;

(ii) separating an enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers;

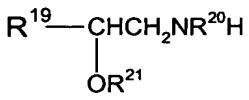
(iii) converting one compound of formula (I) to a different compound of formula wherein $R^1$ is $SR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ or $SO_2R^6$, or conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SO_2R^6$;

(iv) converting a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkenyl to a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkyl, eg. by hydrogenation; and

(v) converting the product to a corresponding salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

26. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, which comprises:

alkylating an amine of formula (XIII):



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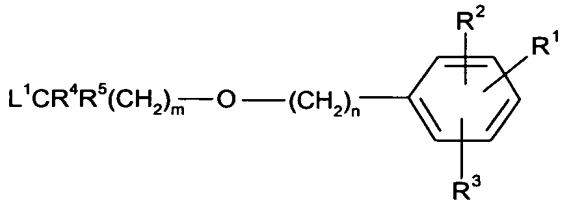
wherein $R^{22}$, $R^{23}$, $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group with a compound of formula (XVII):



(XVII)

wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m, and n are as defined for the compound of formula (I) and $L^1$ is a leaving group;

optionally followed by one or more of the following steps in any order selected from the group consisting of:

(i) removing any protecting groups;

(ii) separating an enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers;

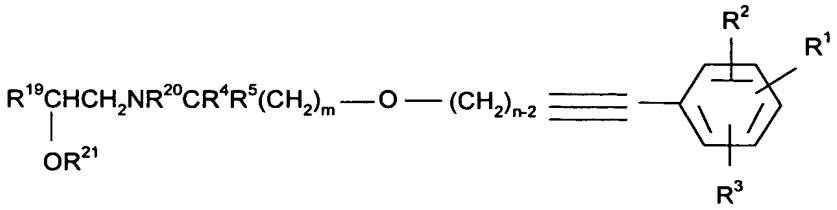
(iii) converting one compound of formula (I) to a different compound of formula (I) wherein $R^1$ is $SR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ or $SO_2R^6$, or conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SO_2R^6$;

(iv) converting a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkenyl to a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkyl, eg. by hydrogenation; and

(v) converting the product to a corresponding salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

27. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, which comprises:

reducing a compound of formula (XIX):



(XIX)

Wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m and n are as defined for formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar and $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently hydrogen or a protecting group

optionally followed by one or more of the following steps in any order selected from the group consisting of:

(i) removing any protecting groups;

(ii) separating an enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers;

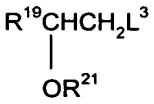
(iii) converting one compound of formula (I) to a different compound of formula (I) wherein $R^1$ is $SR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ or $SO_2R^6$, or conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SO_2R^6$;

(iv) converting a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkenyl to a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkyl, eg. by hydrogenation; and

(v) converting the product to a corresponding salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

28. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, which comprises:

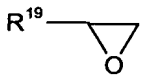
reacting a compound of formula (XXIII):



(XXIII)

wherein $R^{19}$ is as hereinbefore defined and $L^3$ is a leaving group as defined above for
$L^1$ or $L^2$;

or a compound of formula (XXIV):



(XXIV)

with an amine of formula (XXV):
wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, $R^4$, $R^5$, m, and n are as defined for the compound of formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar; and $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group

optionally followed by one or more of the following steps in any order selected from the group consisting of:

(i) removing any protecting groups;

(ii) separating an enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers;

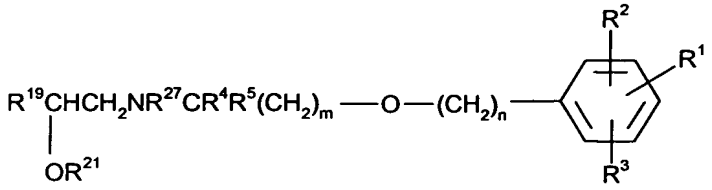
(iii) converting one compound of formula (I) to a different compound of formula (I) wherein $R^1$ is $SR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ or $SO_2R^6$, or conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SO_2R^6$;

(iv) converting a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkenyl to a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkyl, eg. by hydrogenation; and

(v) converting the product to a corresponding salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

29. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 or a salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof, which comprises:

removing a chiral auxiliary from a compound of folrmula (IIa)



(IIa)

wherein $R^1 - R^5$, m and n are as defined for formula (I), $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar, $R^{21}$ represent hydrogen or a protecting group and $R^{27}$ represents a chiral auxiliary

optionally followed by one or more of the following steps in any order selected from the group consisting of:

(i) removing any protecting groups;

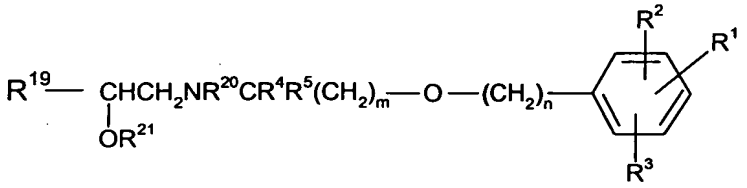
(ii) separating an enantiomer from a mixture of enantiomers;

(iii) converting one compound of formula (I) to a different compound of formula (I) eg. conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ or $SO_2R^6$, or conversion of a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SOR^6$ to a compound wherein $R^1$ is $SO_2R^6$;

(iv) converting a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkenyl to a compound wherein $R^6$ represents cycloalkyl, eg. by hydrogenation; and

(v) converting the product to a corresponding salt, solvate, or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

30. (New) A compound of the formula (II):



(II)

wherein m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and

n is an integer of from 3 to 11;

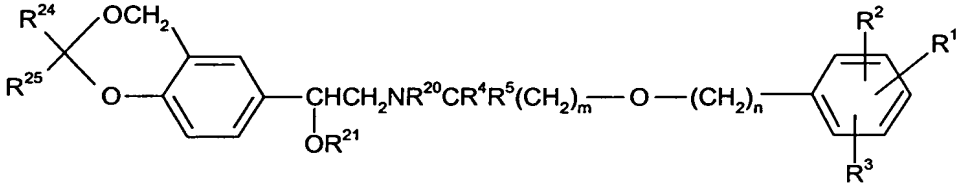
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl;

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4;
$R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar; and $R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group.

31. (New) A compound of the formula (III):



(III)

or a salt or solvate thereof,
wherein m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and
n is an integer of from 3 to 11;
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

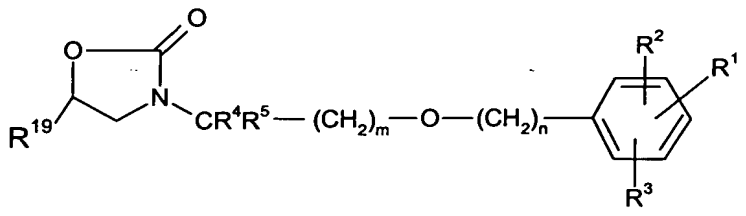
$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl;

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4;

$R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar;
$R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group.
and $R^{24}$ and $R^{25}$ are independently selected from hydrogen,
$C_{1-6}$alkyl, or aryl or $R^{24}$ and $R^{25}$ together form a $C_{3-7}$ alkyl group.

32. (New) A compound of the formula (IV):



(IV)

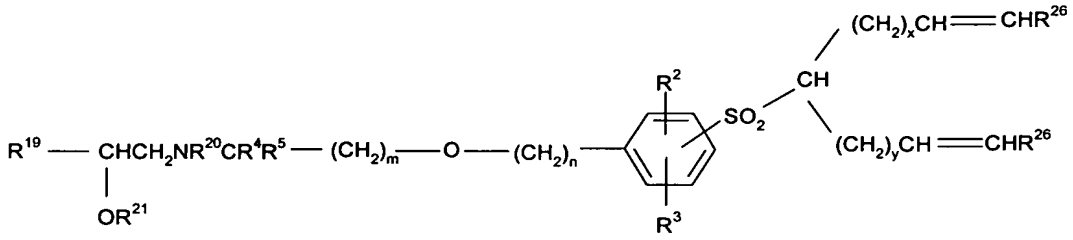
or a salt or solvate thereof, wherein
wherein m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and
n is an integer of from 3 to 11;
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl;

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4; and $R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar.

33. (New) A compound of formula (X):



(X)

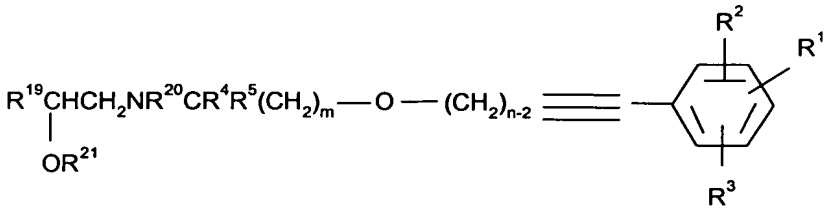
wherein m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and
n is an integer of from 3 to 11;
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl;

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4;
$R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar;
$R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group.
and each $R^{26}$ independently represents hydrogen or $C_{1-4}$alkyl, and x and y each represent 0, 1 or 2; by effecting ring closure to form a cycloalkenyl group.

34. (New) A compound of the formula (XIX):



(XIX)

wherein m is an integer of from 2 to 8; and
n is an integer of from 3 to 11;
with the proviso that m + n is 5 to 19;

$R^1$ is $SR^6$, $SOR^6$, or $SO_2R^6$,
wherein $R^6$ is a $C_{3-7}$cycloalkyl or $C_{3-7}$cycloalkenyl group;

$R^2$ and $R^3$ are independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkoxy, halo, phenyl, and $C_{1-6}$haloalkyl;

$R^4$ and $R^5$ are independently selected from hydrogen and $C_{1-4}$alkyl with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in $R^4$ and $R^5$ is not more than 4;
$R^{19}$ represents an optionally protected form of Ar;
$R^{20}$ and $R^{21}$ are each independently either hydrogen or a protecting group.